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REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

1. On 6 January 1953, the Heiterblick Kaserne southeast of Torgauer Strasse, Leipzig-Taucha, was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. On 15 December, a T-34 tank was seen in the installation. On 15 and 24 December, no training activity was observed. Only truck traffic was observed. On 6 January, eight trucks engaged in cross-country driving at the terrain west of the main entrance.

2. On 9 January, the Hindenburg Kaserne north of Danziger Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops. Sentries observed wore black-bordered blue epaulets. All barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. On 7 January, about 50 to 60 soldiers received training in firing and other. 40 to 50 troops were at formation drill in the installation. At about 1 p.m., a colonel and a lieutenant colonel alighted from sedan and entered the installation. After some time, the two officers left the installation and went toward the hospital.

3. On 30 December 1952, the Train Kaserne, west of Olbricht Strasse and south of the ration supply depot, was occupied by about 500 men. Some trucks were being maintained in the installation. On 8 January, about 120 soldiers received basic training.

4. On 30 December, the Treitschke Kaserne, east of Olbricht Strasse, south of Danziger Strasse and west of Witzleben Strasse, was occupied by about 600 to 800 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. (F-6)<sup>2</sup> About 80 to 100 troops were drilling in the installation. Motor vehicles were seen.

5. On 7 January, the Flak Kaserne on Highway No 87, 1 km southeast of Schoenau near Leipzig, was occupied by about 2,000 troops. All barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. On 2 January, about 200 soldiers received basic and firing training in the installation. Seven soldiers were being trained on a 120-mm mortar and 3 to 4 soldiers each, on 4 x 50-mm mortars. Motor vehicles were observed.<sup>3</sup>

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6. On 7 January, the Heiterblick Kaserne in Leipzig was occupied by about 800 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. All but two of the barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. On 5 January, about 200 troops received formation drill in the installation, and about 120 troops engaged in field training in the training area southeast of the installation. At about 5 p.m., a JS-3 tank was seen en route from Taucha to the installation. At about 8 p.m., six tanks, which source believed were T-34/85 tanks, left the installation and crossed the training area in a south-easterly direction.

7. On 9 January, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoerau was occupied by 1,200 to 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery or motor transport insignia. On 4 December, about 23 soldiers practiced marching opposite the installation. Between 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., 16 soldiers wearing artillery insignia entered the installation with a gun, which was similar to a machine gun. The gun had wooden wheels, about 35 cm in diameter, a split-trail gun carriage and a light protective shield. Two ammunition boxes were observed with the gun. On 23 December, 30 soldiers were observed at bayonet practice and 10 others at physical training in the barracks area. On 25 December, truck [redacted] occupied by six soldiers and towing a 85-mm AT gun left the installation toward Bienitz and returned at about 3 p.m. On 5 January, truck [redacted] occupied by six soldiers, and three 132-mm rocket launchers [redacted] left the installation. The rocket launchers were being emplaced on the Schoenau-Gross Zschocher road. About 220 to 230 soldiers were seen at combat and aiming practices with rifles and light machine guns in the fields surrounding the installation. About 30 troops were observed at aiming practice on three 85-mm AT guns in the installation. Motor vehicles seen [redacted]

Rocket launchers seen [redacted]

8. On 13 December, the Heiterblick Kaserne in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by about 700 to 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport and tank insignia. On 27 November, six driving school trucks entered the installation, and 25 soldiers were lined up in the barracks area. On 11 December, T-34/85 tank No 165 and an undetermined number of JSU-122 guns left the installation toward Taucha. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen.

9. On 2 January, the Hindenburg Kaserne, north of Danziger Strasse and west of Franz Mehring Strasse, was occupied by about 150 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. About 50 percent of the windows of the quarters were lighted after nightfall.

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10. On 2 January, the Treitschke Kaserne and the west section of the Planitz Kaserne, east of Olbricht Strasse, was occupied by about 300 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 20 percent of the windows of the quarters were lighted after nightfall.<sup>2</sup>
- 25X1 11. On 2 January, the Train Kaserne was occupied by about 100 troops who wore either red-bordered black or black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 22 December, about 100 soldiers with submachine guns left the installation toward Eutritzsch. On 26 December, driving school trucks [redacted] occupied by about 10 men each, left the installation. On 30 December, about 80 percent of the windows of the quarters were lighted at dusk.
12. On 2 January, the Ulanen Kaserne east of Wiederitzscher Weg was about 80 percent lighted at dusk. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.<sup>4</sup>
13. On 2 January, the former military post hospital, north of Danziger Strasse and west of the Infanterie Kaserne and the Ulanen Kaserne, was about 40 percent lighted at dusk.
- 25X1 14. On 7 January, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, and by uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 90 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. On 2 January, about 200 soldiers were training in the southern training area, and about 60 troops practiced marksmanship in the barracks area. On 5 January, 200 troops were seen at advanced combat practice and loading and aiming practice on four 82-mm mortars. At about 1:15 p.m., truck [redacted] occupied by 18 soldiers, and three 132-mm rocket launchers [redacted] left the installation toward Schoenau. On Schoenauer Strasse, the column turned to the right and the rocket launchers were emplaced. Motor vehicles seen leaving and entering the installation [redacted]
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- 25X1 15. On 7 January, the Heiterblick Kaserne was occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and motor transport insignia. About 50 percent of the windows of the quarters were lighted after nightfall. On 24 December, two BA-64 armored scout cars [redacted] were seen driving around the installation. Armored scout car No 816 and jeeps [redacted] arrived from the training area. Tank [redacted] was seen in the installation; an SP gun which [redacted] was a SU-122 gun left the installation toward Paunsdorf. On 30 December, 30 soldiers were practice firing and about 60 soldiers marched in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles seen [redacted]
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16. On 10 December, two vehicles [redacted] were seen in front of the main gate of the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick.<sup>5</sup>



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18. On 12 January 1953, the barracks installation Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by about 600 to 700 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. All barracks buildings were fully lighted at night fall. On 5 January, 14 T-34 tanks were seen in front of and inside the installation. On 3 January, about 20 soldiers were observed servicing 5 T-34 tanks in the barracks yard and, on 5 January, about 120 soldiers marching out of the installation. Motor vehicles seen there [redacted]

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Comment. An MGB unit with black-bordered crimson epaulets has been carried as stationed in the Treitschke Kaserne and is confirmed by the observations of [redacted] paragraph 10. [redacted]

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3. [ ] Comment. The 94th RL Regt (US) and the 19th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div are confirmed in the Flak Kaserne in Schoenau by weapons observed, and another unit, presumably a regiment of the 13th AAA Div, is confirmed there [ ]. Except for the figures given in paragraphs 5, which comes closest to the number of troops believed stationed in this installation, the strength estimates in paragraphs 7, and 14 for the installation are too low.
4. [ ] Comment. The Ulanen Kaserne also borders on the southwest side of Landsberger Strasse and the west side of Olbricht Strasse. No information is available on the occupation of this installation.
5. [ ] Comment. In a rough sketch which was not forwarded, source indicated that the two vehicles had a superstructure. There was a folding door at the rear.
6. [ ]

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